

Board of Directors Meeting

Virtual

May 11, 2021

5:30pm MST

Chair: Dr. Jennifer Brasch, President

Minutes

Present: J. Brasch M. Willows D. Martell P. Sobey N. Ali AS. Marsolais

G. Budd S. Etches R. Tanguay N. el – Guebaly R. Fraser K. Lee

B. Nofle S. Dubreucq M. Ghosh B. Hebert (recorder)

Regrets: W. Shublaq

Absent: C. Chase

1. Call to Order: 5:34pm MST – J. Brasch
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. No additions to the agenda

Motion by M. Willows to accept the agenda.

Seconded by: D. Martell

3. Review Minutes from April 13, 2021 (Appendix 1)
 - a. Minutes have been reviewed and approved
 - b. Completed Action Items:
 - i. Call CMPA (P. Sobey) – What kind of addiction practices will CMPA defend?
 1. What would the CMPA position be? We respond to specific questions:
 - a. CMPA physician representative reiterated the CMPA's role as a "mutual defense organization" that generally defers to Colleges for guidance on clinical issues. CMPA doesn't provide guidance on clinical issues by more so provides legal defense in specific actions.
 - b. Two criteria on which medical-legal matters are generally judged (based on a panel of our peers and the community standard) and suggested these points be considered when engaging in any clinical practice for which clear guidance is not available.

Motion by J. Brasch to accept the minutes from April 13, 2021.

Seconded by: G. Budd

4. President's Report

- a. CSAM-SMCA Foundation
 - i. CSAM-SMCA is not in a position to start a charitable foundation at this time (we will reconsider when our financial position makes it viable to start a foundation. This is a long range plan.)
- b. Kadian Shortage (information provided by M. Willows)
 - i. Became aware of the shortage through META:PHI listserve
 - ii. CSAM-SMCA has a relationship with Health Canada - M. Willows reached out to see how we could escalate this issue
 - iii. Health Canada organized a meeting
 - iv. A shortage of the 50mg strength estimated end date of September 2021, 100mg strength estimated end date of May 2021
 - v. M. Willows reported the meeting was intended to focus on the Kadian and impending dilaudid tabs shortage, but much of the discussion was about prescription of a pandemic supply
- c. Prescription of a pandemic supply (presented by P. Sobey)
 - i. Concerns about the rapid development and expansion of prescribing hydromorph for persons with opioid use disorder when there is little evidence to support this practice
 - ii. The CSAM-SMCA Executive feels strongly that a report/summary about this issue is needed. General consensus from the BOD to support the development of this report, to be a critical appraisal of the literature
 - iii. CSAM-SMCA to be the lead organization for this project
 - iv. P. Sobey will lead a small group of Canadian addiction medicine experts
 - 1. About 6 individuals to be invited to participate in creating the document
 - 2. Approx. 90–120-day timeline
 - 3. This critical appraisal will come with recommendations
 - 4. M. Ghosh would like to volunteer to be part of this group
 - 5. This document needs to be looked at with different lenses:
 - a. Evidence – based
 - b. Ethical
 - c. Economic
 - d. Others
 - 6. P. Sobey to share the proposal for this project with the BOD ASAP
 - 7. This project will request funding from CSAM-SMCA for a medical writer
 - 8. P. Sobey requests the BOD to recommend:
 - a. Names of medical writers to consider

- b. Names of individuals who could participate in this working group, are non-conflicted from central and Eastern Canada

P. Sobey makes a motion to move forward with this examination and critical appraisal of pandemic supply.

Seconded by: M. Willows

All in Favor

- 5. Regional Reports
 - a. British Columbia and Yukon Regional Director – report growing concerns with patients requesting benzodiazepines when they start on OAT because much of the fentanyl supply is adulterated with benzo-like compounds, and thus when transitioning to OAT, patients report benzo withdrawal symptoms

- 6. CSAM-SMCA Logo Trademark – P. Sobey (Appendix 2)
 - a. Funding committee to meet and review the requested submitted by P. Sobey

- 7. Membership Committee Update (Appendix 3)
 - a. Committee co-chairs would like the BOD’s advice on the goal of the membership committee.
 - i. Focus on the value
 - ii. Focus on the growth
 - b. What should we prioritize, what should we aim at?
 - i. A lot of members are joining at the time of the conference and only subscribe to a 1-year membership
 - ii. Potentially could increase value by offering webinars and other benefits only available to members
 - iii. Buying publicity in some journals/conferences etc. to increase awareness of CSAM-SMCA and recruit new members
 - iv. Consider opening full membership to non-physician – CSAM-SMCA Executive to discuss
 - v. Should we ask the members: Send a survey to current members to learn why they join CSAM-SMCA and what would add value to their memberships
 - vi. Should we offer reciprocal discounts to similar organizations, such as ASAM, ISAM etc.
 - 1. J. Brasch to talk to Melanie about her discussions with ASAM
 - c. BOD members consider options to increase the value of membership and/or increase membership and discuss at the next meeting

- 8. Policy Committee Update:
 - a. No further developments since the last BOD meeting
 - b. Waiting on word back from CMA about their endorsement of the decriminalization policy

9. Conference Committee Update
 - a. Need BOD members to promote the call for abstracts
 - i. Ask each BOD member requested to circulate copy provide by B. Hebert to their networks
 - b. Want to reach people interested in addiction medicine at every Canadian university
 - i. No contact at UofT
 - ii. M. Willow to find a point of contact
 - iii. Need to ensure we contact each university – B. Hebert to discuss with J. Brasch and D. Martell
 - c. In post conference evaluation, will want to survey how attendees learned about the conference:
 - i. AMP to help track this metric

10. Next Meeting: June 8th, 2021 @ 5:30pm MST.

11. Adjournment: 6:30pm MST – J. Brasch

Action Items:

J. Brasch

- Talk to M. Willows about ASAM membership collaboration

M. Willows

- Find point of contact at U of T

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- Circulate call for abstracts email that will be provided by B. Hebert
- Consider submitting abstracts
- Consider strategies to increase membership and what would increase the value of a membership